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Government Too Slow.

It is hoped that the federal government won't stop at the indictment of the 163 anti-war propagandists exposed through raids recently conducted on quarters maintained in Chicago by the Industrial Workers of the World. Evidence has been obtained of conspiracies to destroy munitions factories, burn crops in the fields and to commit other outrages conceived directly to all the German imperial government through crippling the resources of the United States. It also has been established by federal agents that the funds used to finance these diabolical enterprises was furnished by Germany through its drug and representatives in the United States.

It is asserted that the case against the men named in the federal indictments is so strong that there is no possible room to doubt their individual guilt. A number of the chief actors in the conspiracy of destruction already have been placed under arrest. Heading the list is William D. Haywood, general secretary of the Industrial Workers. It is expected that inside a week all those named in the jury bills will have been rounded up. The penalties provided for conviction of the offenses charged range from prison terms to fines, or both.

With the evidence that the government claims to have in its possession no time should be lost in doing out full punishment to the conspirators involved in this latest plot against the American government and its war undertaking. The people already are impatient of the federal authorities in their lenient dealings with those against whom seemingly positive proofs of treason have been gained.

Permitting one of those traitors to escape just punishment only furnishes encouragement to others contemplating similar work in behalf of the Berlin government.

There should be an immediate trial of the traitors just exposed. The fact that they had any connection whatever with the damnable activities revealed through the raids ought to be sufficient to bring the limit in penalty without it being required that the government go any further in identifying any particular one with a specific job.

The people want to see these traitors locked up and their activities suppressed. There has already been too much delay in putting them out of the way.

Restoration in France.

The work of restoring living conditions for civilians in the ravaged French territory received much notice from Mr. Davison on his recent report on Red Cross work, and some further information as to the undertaking may be found in the report of the Red Cross commission in France. From this source it is learned that the work of restoration has reached the stage of supplying necessary articles to the inhabitants of devastated territory by means of a system of warehouses behind the French and British military front.

Sooner or later the work of definitive rebuilding will play the chief part in this section of the American Red Cross activities. For the present the business of keeping the inhabitants from perishing or scattering takes precedence of other things. The gain to the French nation from the preservation of the population in an important section of France will no doubt exceed any possible monetary advantage that America could confer in merely rebuilding the structures of the district.

In that part of the world the inhabitants have become specially adapted to their home region, in a degree that the observer in this country can hardly realize. The soil, drainage, cropping, methods of cultivation, proper industries and scheme of life have been improved during 30 generations. These people are specialists in their own homes. On this close connection with their own part of the world is based their persistence in clinging to it, even though they may plow and harvest under shell fire. Such a population forms as great and sure a resource as a country can have and the services the Red Cross may render in enabling the French countrymen to remain where they belong are something fundamental.

Stupid Blundering.

The break in diplomatic relations between the Argentine Republic and Germany is the most glaring example yet offered of the stupid blundering that passes as German diplomacy.

In all the western hemisphere there were perhaps three countries that could be listed as friendly to Germany if not actually pro-German. Two of these might be dismissed from consideration at any time. They could make themselves annoying to the United States but their influence in the world is nil and they have no food stores that would be helpful to the Teutons.

Argentina alone of the four great food producing countries of the Americas leaned toward Germany. German influence was strong in Argentina long before war was declared and Argentina was likewise a food reservoir and a great market for Germany. Not the United States, nor England, France, or Spain, the mother country, could take away the German market in Argentina. Germany was always ready, even with unlimited

moneys and credits, to aid Argentina and extend German trade to Argentina.

Yet by unparalleled stupidity Germany has thrown away this friend just when she needed friends. Argentine wheat and Argentine beef were available to Germany through the medium of neutral countries. Argentina was disposed to remain cool toward the United States and the entente despite arguments offered against Germany. Millions of dollars of German investments in Argentina were at stake and the Argentine market was being kept intact and awaiting a resumption of trade with Germany after the war. But because Germany plotted to stab Argentina in the back so that "no trace" would be left so that this was deliberately thrown away. German diplomacy has made an enemy of the most powerful country in the world, next to Sweden, that was disposed to be her friend.

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Spirit That Promotes Harmony.

The Tri-City Railway company for years has regarded as luxury on the model systems of the country, not only in the matter of service and equipment, but as well in the harmonious relations between the management and the employees. Where with other street railway corporations hardly a year passes that there isn't some break or the men with the operators, in many cases with resultant losses all around, and the public the greatest sufferer of all, we never hear even of any threat or open difficulties of that nature here.

It was reported this week in an announcement by John G. Hantman, general manager of the Tri-City Hallway company, that the beginning next Monday in the 400 trainmen employed on the system would receive an increase in wages of one cent an hour. It was a surprise to the employees, inasmuch as the increase would not become effective according to the terms of their contract with the company until June first. Thus the men are to enjoy the advance for eight months as an outright gift from the company, the officials of which were prompted by the concession through realization of the New York state food commission. It's not improbable that the fight has for its leaders old political enemies of Brother Perkins. They evidently fear that they could not set a square meal to that state with George with his foot on the food pedal.

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CHORDS AND DISCORDS

CORN huskers in Illinois are said to be exacting exorbitant wages. Positively shucking, so to speak.

DR. KAEMPF, braying to the whip of his imperial master, allows that he who would attempt to put a wedge between the master and his subjects over the question of the war, would be left just as well to remind the doc that over this way the understanding is that we will first be compelled to penetrate the ivory before we turn to the granite diet.

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SOME curious person wrote to a New York newspaper a communication inquiring how it was possible for a bank to pay its president \$50,000 a year. The next day the same paper carried a letter written by a youth holding a subordinate position in one of the financial institutions of that city. He answered the question. He said the \$50,000 salary was made possible through holding clerks down to between \$17 and \$21 per week, claiming that thousands of employees in the banks of New York were receiving such low wages. Yet our youthful financiers should not grow discouraged. Every once in a while we hear of the cashing in of one of those high salaried presidents. Somebody must hit his shoes.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP's government pay is to be \$1 per year. It is presumed that he will use his first dollar to open savings account.

ADOLPH Bolm, a Russian dancer, has been engaged to direct the ballet in a new musical production in Gotham. It is reported that he explodes frequently in the course of his professional work.

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THE JOY RIDE



The Day in Davenport

Transcriber is Held.—Jake Puchert, a jury. He is 44 years of age and had been arrested previously on charges of forgery.

Stallion is Shut.—As the result of a case of infantile paralysis in the home of C. W. LaGrange, station agent of the Clinton, Davenport & Muscatine railway at Pleasant Valley, the station there has been closed for a few days while the place and all its belongings are given a thorough fumigating. The case was diagnosed Thursday, and immediate steps were taken to fumigate the station, freight house and all other buildings of the electric railroad there. One of the children of the LaGrange family is affected with the disease.

Aborn Goes to Pen.—Albert Aborn, Scott county's model prisoner, whose life-long ambition has been to design a perpetual calendar capable of forecasting the exact date of the coming of the millennium, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Port Madison on a charge of cheating by false pretenses. Sentence was imposed by Judge F. D. Letts in the Scott county district court after Aborn, through his attorney, Gen. Kelly of Moines & Kelly, had entered a formal plea of guilty.

Quarantine Lifted.—Believing that the crest of the infantile paralysis scourge has passed, the board of health, in session yesterday afternoon, adopted a resolution whereby the quarantine on the city will be lifted Saturday night at midnight. On Sunday morning, for the first time in six weeks, Sunday schools will convene. Only in the past two weeks have classes over 15 years of age been meeting. Prior to that time the Sunday schools were closed for classes of all ages. On Sunday afternoon children under 15 years of age will be admitted to the school.

Health-Talks BY WILLIAM BRADY MD.

Week End Headache.

A short time ago we urged the advisability of week ends in bed for persons physically impaired. Some of our religious friends waxed eloquent in condemning this nefarious practice, because the great trouble with Americans today is that people are glad to spend the week end anywhere but in church. Far be it from us to suggest anything immoral in this column. But the week end headache is not always immoral. Sometimes it really occurs.

There is no particular type of headache which is characteristic of eyestrain. Yet there are a lot of people who have a regular week end headache and many instances of these periodic headaches are attributable to a combination of causes, one of which is an orgy of Sunday reading, and another is irregular hours of sleeping and eating on Sunday.

Eyestrain is so common nowadays that pessimists assume the human eye must be deteriorating. That is not so. The eye is rather growing better. But it is worked harder than ever before, and the movies are bringing out a great deal of intense eyestrain which causes no trouble prior to the days of Theda Bara.

Shopping headaches, car headaches and picture gallery headaches are often due to eyestrain and foul air together.

Think over your sins and see if you can't make a case out of some of these factors. Remember that the eyestrain may be only one factor and that other factors, such as heavy work, may impair the singing voice, while others who have had the operation assure me their voice was better afterward. (H.)

Answer.—Skillfully done, the operation generally improves the singing voice, most cases showing an increase from half to a full tone. Occasionally, even in the best hands, the piano and the throat are unavoidably injured, and subsequent scar formation may impair the singing voice. A special analysis of 5,000 cases with regard to the effects upon the voice convinced Vorhees that there need be no special fear of bad results today.

Do You Like Lettuce?

Is lettuce a sedative to the nerves? Is it used in medicine to quiet the nervous system? Would a tendency for lettuces explain a tendency to sleepiness or dullness of intellect? Please tell me whether lettuce contains a principle which resembles opium in effect. (W. W. M.)

Answer.—No, no. Some one asked a gentleman if he liked lettuce. "No, I don't," replied he, "and what's more, Ol'm glad Ol' don't, for as Ol' did Ol' ate the stuff—and bebad Ol' hate it." A variety of wild lettuce which grows in Europe, is used medicinally as a sedative.

Answer.—If she were my child she would cough as much as she likes out of doors. Of course bronchitis doesn't develop into tuberculosis, though it's liable.

Questions and Answers.